

# Generative Modeling for Multi-task Visual Learning



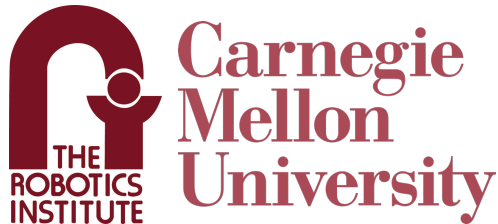
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# What can generative models do?



StyleGAN v2, CVPR 20



BigGAN, ICLR 19



SAGAN, ICML 19

***Realistic?***

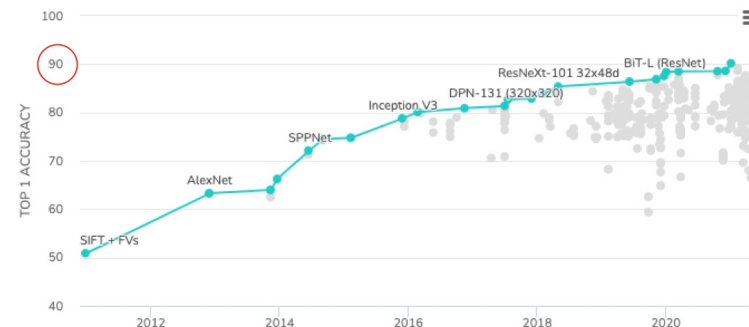


***Useful!***

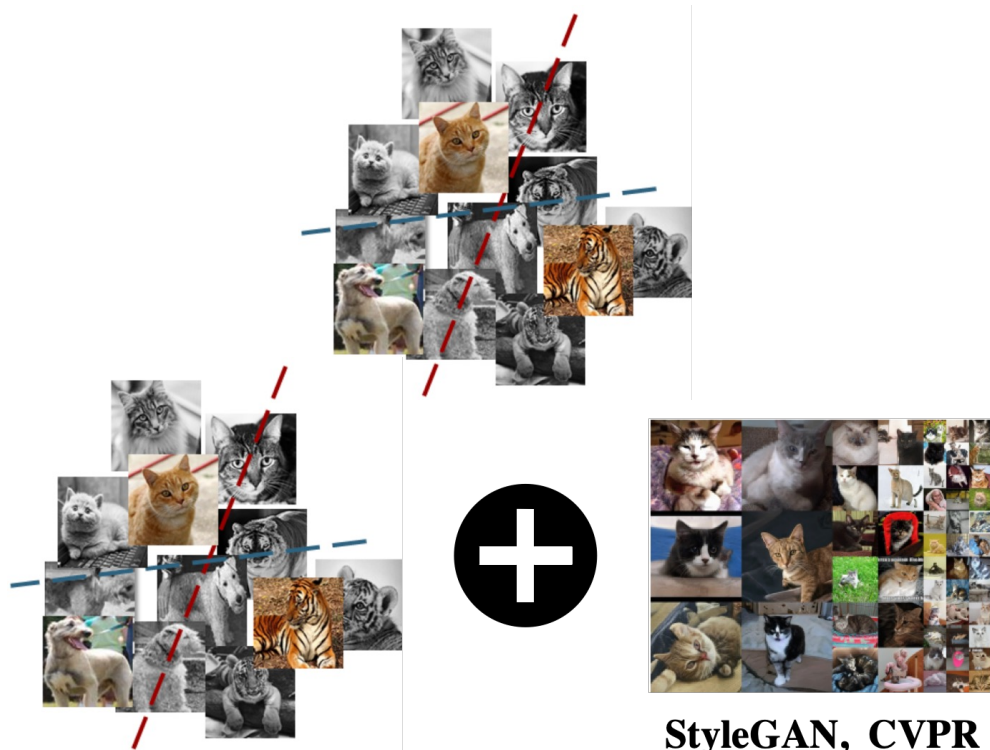
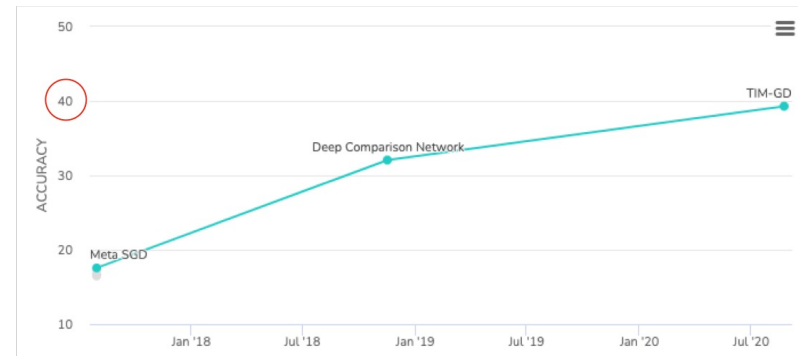
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(Papers with codes, leaderboard)



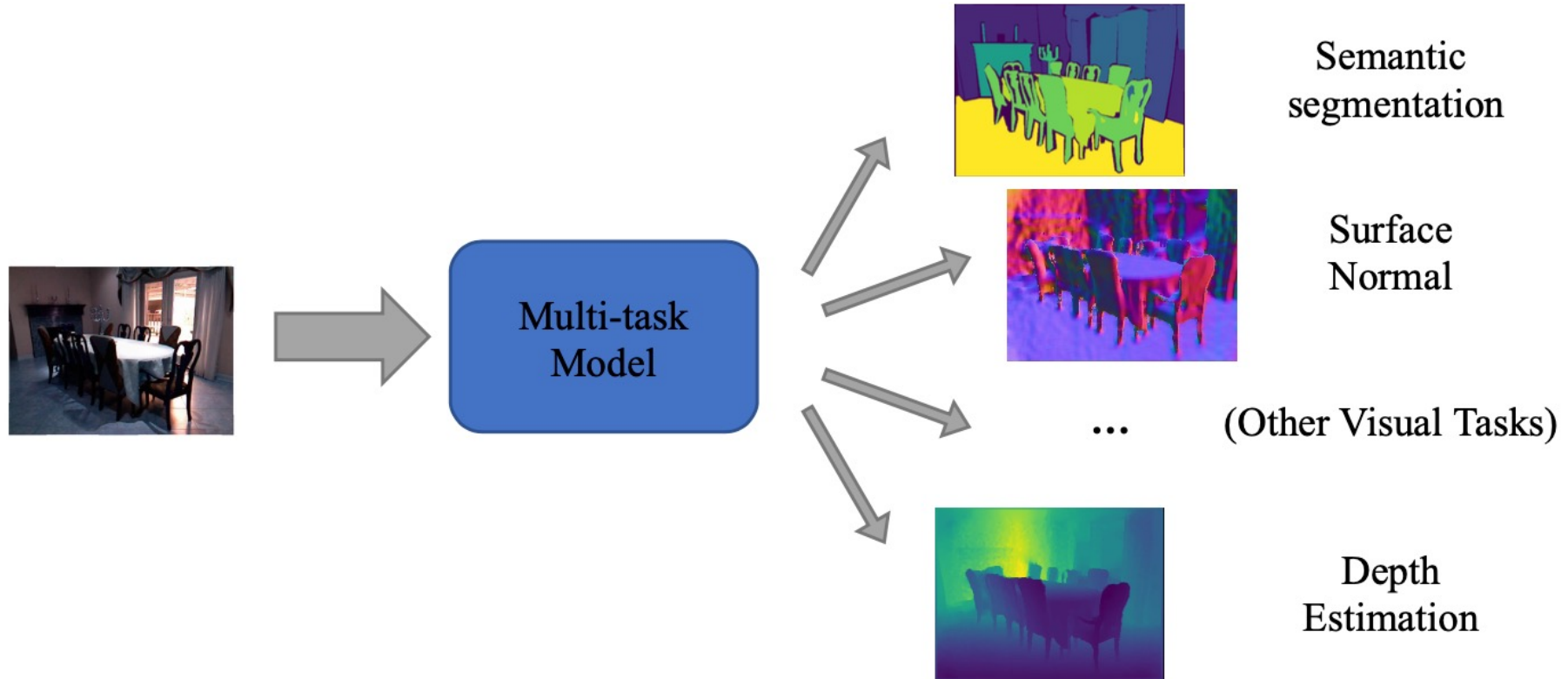
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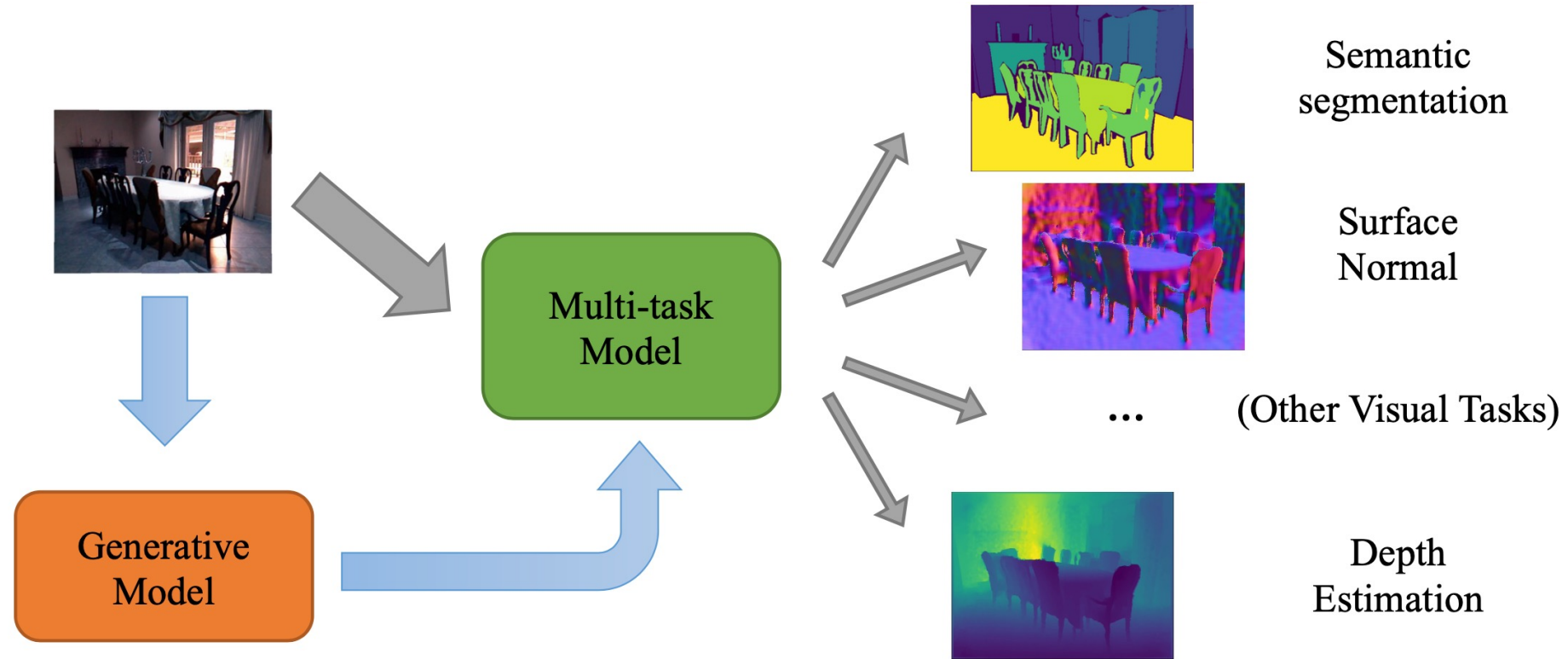


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## Multi-task learning with generative modeling:

- Facilitate the flow of knowledge across tasks
- Synthesize data as augmentation to benefit multiple tasks

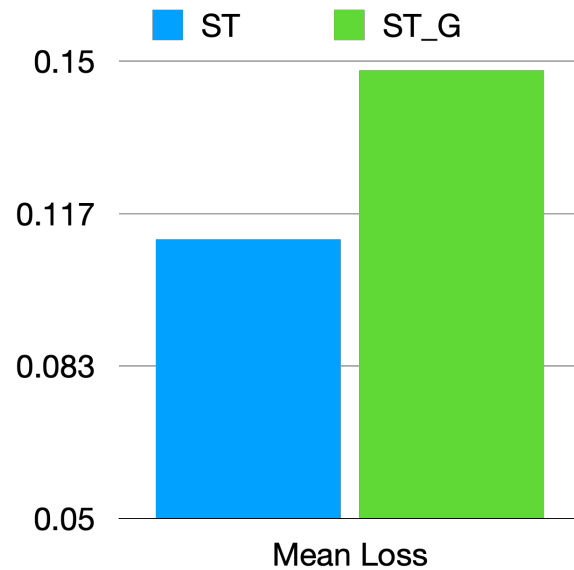
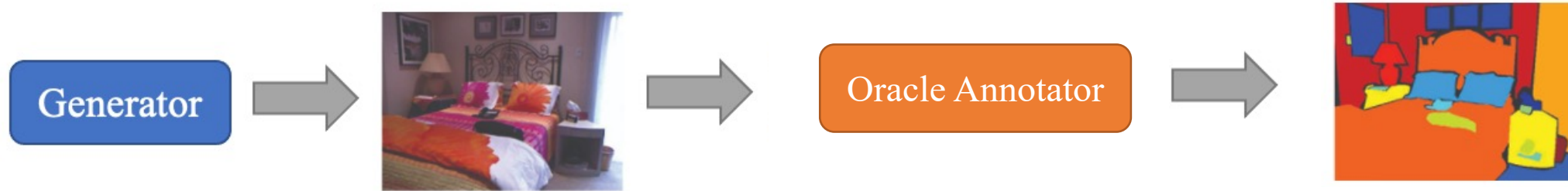
# Naïve solution: synthesize paired image and pixel-wise annotations



**Key challenge: **difficult** to synthesize images with pixel-wise annotations**



# Pilot study: can an oracle annotator help?



\* Tiny-Taskonomy dataset: Mean Loss (↓)

- ST: Single Task model & real data
- ST\_G: Single Task model & real + synthesized data

Target Task:



Semantic Segment

Failure Reasons:

- No downstream signal

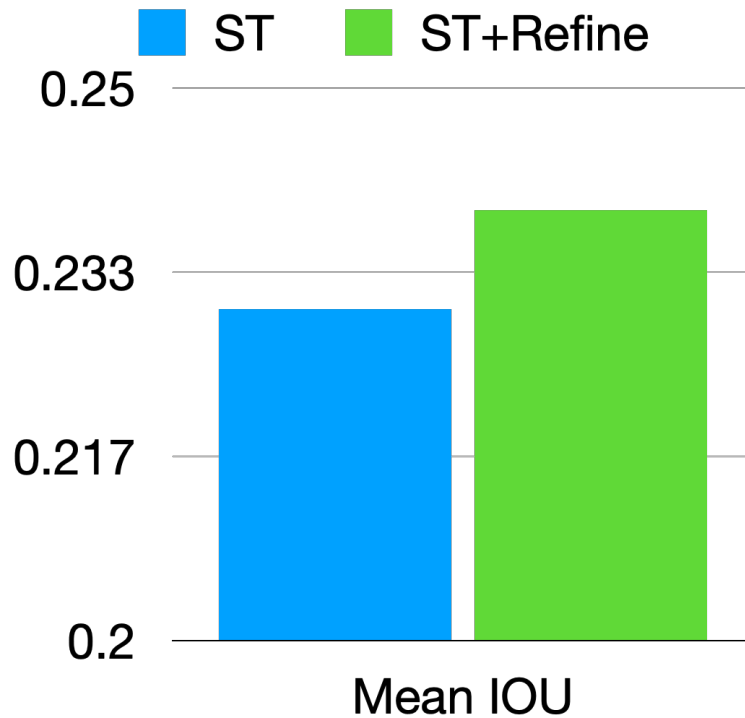
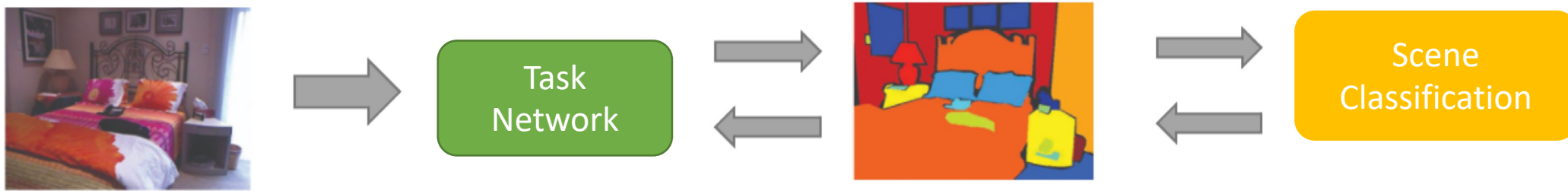
Other Concerns:

- Oracle annotators



# How to utilize the synthesized examples?

## (1) Refinement



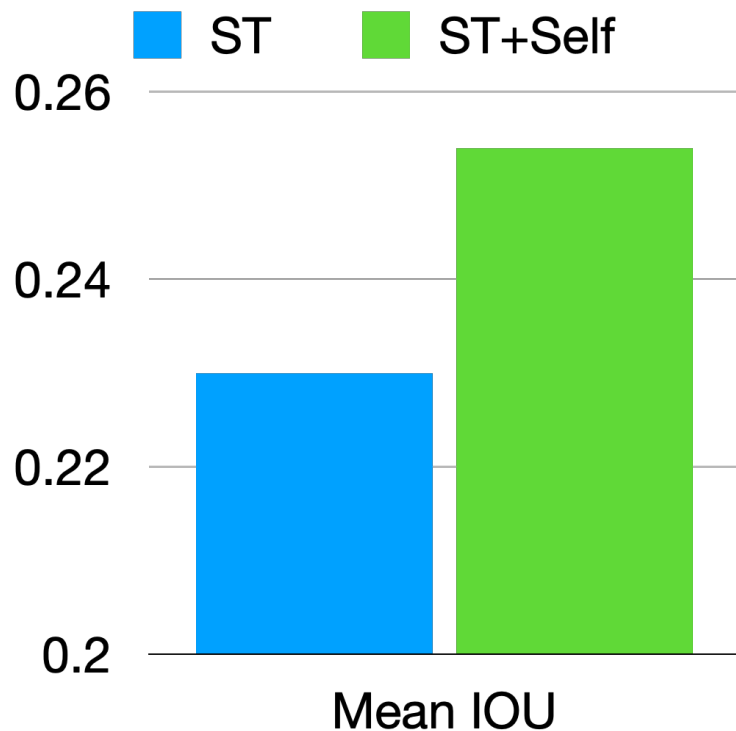
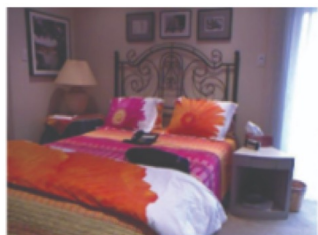
\* Mean IOU ( $\uparrow$ )

- ST: Single Task model & real data
- ST+Refine: Downstream classification task with synthesized images

Downstream signal gives guidance for synthesizing data!

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## (2) Self-Supervision

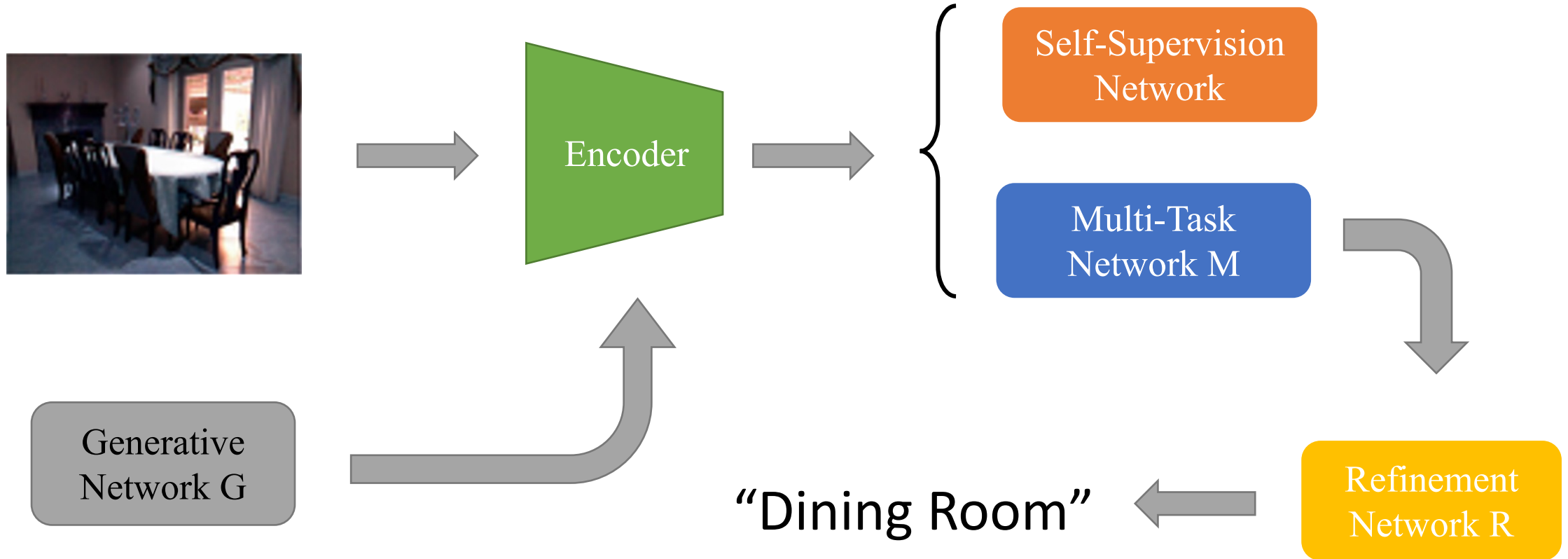


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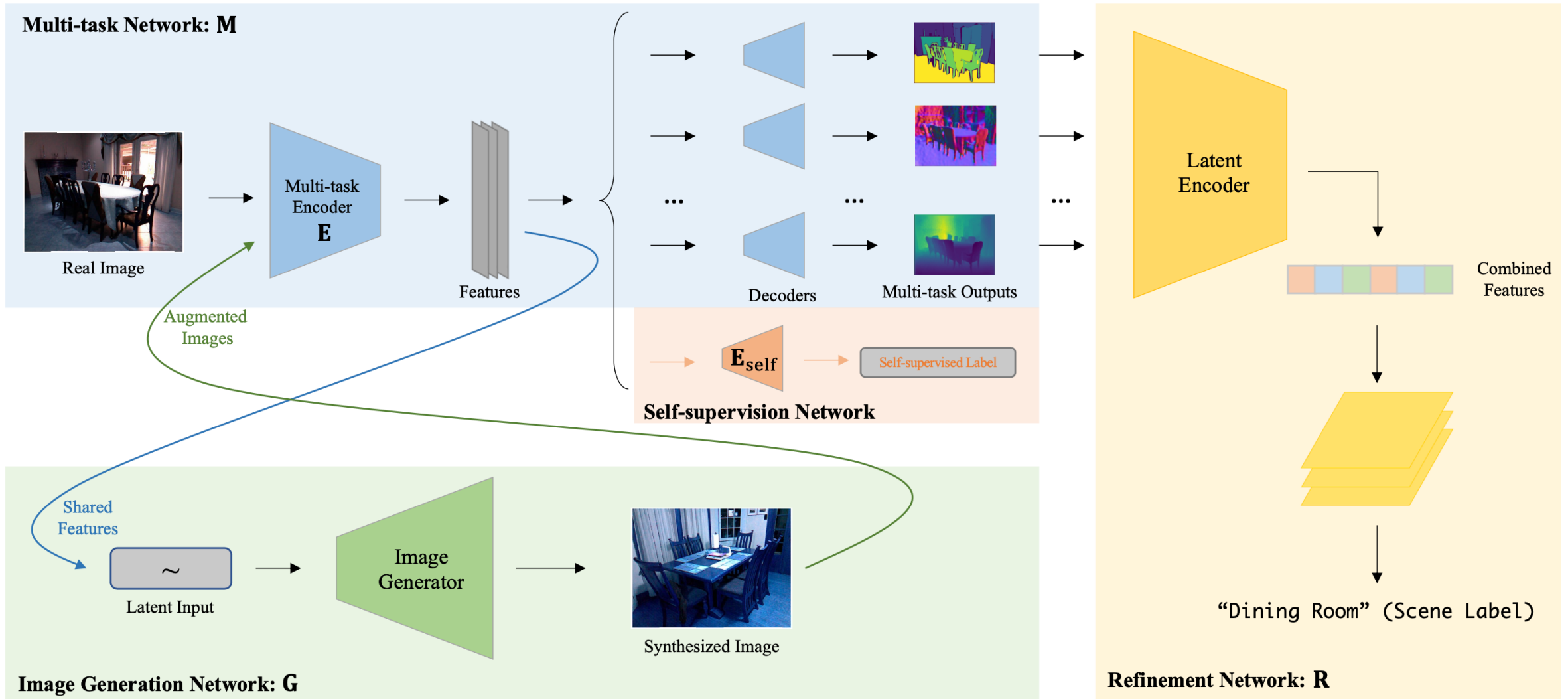
- ST: Single Task model & real data
- ST+Self: ST with self-supervised learning (SimCLR)

Self-supervision helps build effective features!

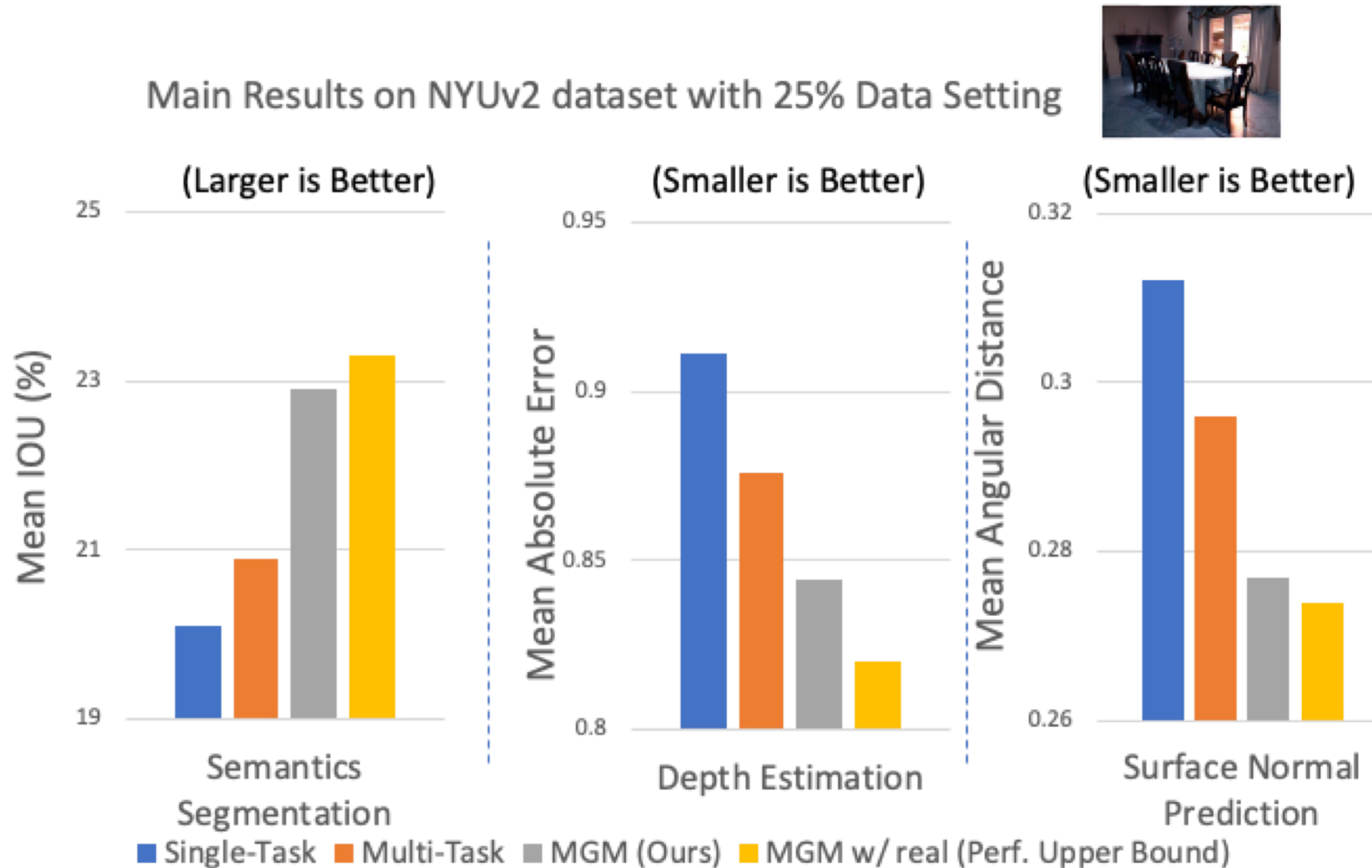
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# Multi-task oriented generative modeling (MGM)

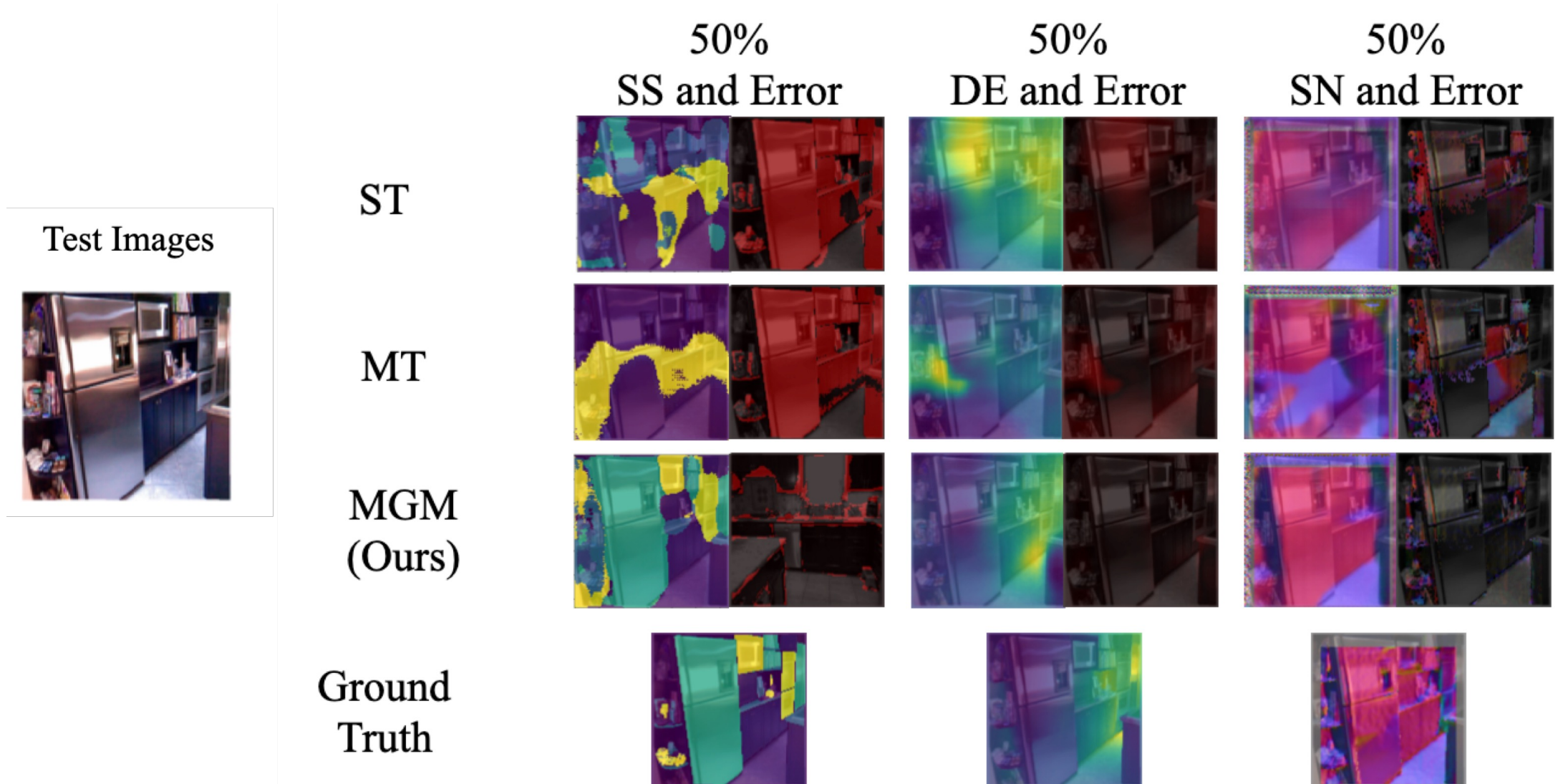


# Performance improvements with MGM



- Tasks:
  - Semantic Segmentation (SS)
  - Depth Estimation (DE)
  - Surface Normal Prediction (SN)
- 25% Data Setting:
  - 25% Real images for ST / MT
  - 25% Real + 25% Synthesized images for MGM

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Code Available

# Thank you!

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